

MERRY CHRISTMAS

LOCO WEATHER REPORT

by Cecil Knockherworst Weatherbee
Presents that I wanted to give but,
sorry I came up short.

Sweetlips: A new pair of red
over-sized pumps with rollers attached
so when he is escorted he could be
pushed.

Jose': An opera written in three
acts. (Act I): Written in Peruvian. (Act
II): Written in Ancient Greek. (Act III):
Written in Ethiopian. And a full
orchestra to accompany him that plays
discords from Hansel and Gretel.

Betty Bonko: A brand new car with
one set of keys.

Reba: Woolen underpants with a
hole in it.

Trollop: A motorized dildo.

The Fat Lady: A thin husband to
keep him warm.

Bella: Something she never had —
local credit.

Willis: A bag of rice.

Roxann: A live turkey symbolic of
her royal bird since she gobbled so
many votes at the COVERED WAGON.

Laura: One gross of surgical tape and
a roller.

Cristal: One gallon of Tequila, a
little black book, and glasses.

Rome: A dictionary of two letter
words.

Barbara Balls: You guessed it?

Minnie: A pair of warm gloves so she
can keep her cold hands off of someone
elses' crotch.

Tony Lasagne: Five pounds of
Italian salamee and a bottle of olive oil.

Charlotte: A new name for her all
girl review newspaper.

Hans: A dozen pair of see through G
strings and a commuter ticket to
Oakland.

Gene Peck: A recording of all the
no's that he gave into.

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Meet Charles Pierce; the rugged construction
worker / male actress takes a few minutes off
from his work on BART to talk to the
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HOLIDAY CAROLS BY OUR OWN RED-NOSED WISE MEN.

GAY AUTO-PEOPLE CARAVAN TO VACAVILLE PRISON... CHRISTMAS IN VACAVILLE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

Gay people are urged to support and
endorse the Christmas in Vacaville
Caravan on Wednesday, December 27th,
which will carry gifts to the prison
gates, and leave them at the gates, with
a short religious service following at the
gates.

Vacaville officials refused to allow a
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show appear at the prison recently, and
as a result, Gaypeoples are rising up
angry, so to speak, over the matter.
Superintendent, Pope has since resigned,
Dr. T.L. Clanon has replaced him. At
first, this brought tears of joy, which
quickly turned to tears of sorrow as it
was learned that Dr. Clanon, who
advocated psycho-surgery and who has
performed such at C.M.F. and U.C.
Medical Center, is currently seeking
more money to expand his
psycho-surgery policies. He had instituted
such lovely programs as
"psycho-surgery", and
"prolyxin-zombism", and other such
horrors. His last act was to segregate
Gaypeoples in the prison once and for
all, moving overt Gaypeople from all
sections to P-1 and P-2. In recent
months, Vacaville has instituted a
"rotating system" with the prison at
San Luis Obispo, C.M.C. (California
Men's Colony), a program in which
prisoners were exchanged between the
two facilities on a super irregular basis,
with some of the inmates being flown
back and forth. Some attorneys have
charged that this is a harassing tactic,
making it difficult for them to know the
exact whereabouts of their client. Many
attorneys having gone to see their
clients at Vacaville, only to find that
they have been transferred to C.M.C.

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Lorelei: A full length gown for the Coronation made from wall to wall carpeting.

Danny of the KOKPIT: A seeing eye dog and a roach clip.

Hector: A Vacuum cleaner to give to S.I.R. since a broom doesn't seem to do much.

Sally: A pair of tweezers to pluck the hairs from his mixed drinks.

Princess Pamela: Reba for one night.

Jim Foster: A Republican ticket.

Polk Street Sally: Assortment of glitter for his moustache.

Warren of the Q.T.: Five truck loads of odds and ends from the Goodwill. To help decor his bar.

Wayne Friday: A new hat to walk Polk Street.

Gretta: A set of references for new jobs.

Bob Ross: One gallon of musk oil.

Jesus Christ Satin: A date with Bob Ross.

Ken Misso: An orange squeezer and an olive pitter.

Gary: A real live cowboy to round-up his herd.

George: A date with Lorelei.

Don and Henry: A leaky water bed.

Don and John: A leaky water bed.

Jonni: Something stiff.

Danny of the *P.S.: A gift certificate from Bob Mandel's Costume Shop.

Big Jimmy: Fare back to San Francisco.

Busty O'Shea: A tent from Omar Kaiyam.

Lori Shannon: Her own turkey ranch for her feather boas.

Don Banks: A tube of toothpaste.

Vera Cruise: Bob Ross for a roommate.

David Kelsey: Gary Schneider to tune his organs.

Gary Schneider: David Kelsey to tune his drums.

Karl Kay: A skin scraper.

Jimmy Quinn: The lead in Hello, Dolly.

Rex Ann: A year's supply of helium filled balloons to strap to her wrists.

Michelle: The make-up secrets of Sweetlips.

Perry: A new wig with Shirley Temple curls, an old dress from Shirley, a borrowed trick and a royal title written in blue fading ink.

Fanny: Absolutely nothing.

Dorothy: A book of decoratin hints and a roll of aluminum foil.

Ralph Rotten: A hen that lays golden eggs.

Bill (Miss Giggles) Tolan: A laugh meter.

Bambi Banda: A new set of heterosexual jokes.

Alan Stanford: Love and kisses and a gift certificate for one dollar, or a date with me.

Mayor Alioto: A Honda.

Marcus: A pair of boots with ballerina ties.

Don Berry: A guide on how to run for Empress.

Lenny: New steak knives to cut his butch steaks.

Shirley: A new pair of shears for hemming and circumcissions.

Ray Rule: Rubber sheets for his new water sports.

The Dog Lady: A new leash.

Mother Voo Doo: An island all her own.

Father Henry Lay-Lou: A new pair of sneakers.

Ray Broshears: A new pair of sequenced wings to replace those that

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were clipped.

Maxine: A hundred lays flown in from the Islands.

Bill Plath: A fire extinguisher.

Horse Lady: A bag of oats and a new diet for his pouch.

Jack Anuchi: Dimes for extra towels.

Roberta Ba Ba: A pair of holsters to carry her water pistols.

Kerry and Bobby: Lots of potted plants.

Kissy-Kissy-Dicky: A year's supply of flavored chap stick.

Enjoy.

P.S. of course there is one thing that I can afford to give and that is a heart warming joyful Christmas wish to each and every one of my faithful readers who often wonder as to what trip I'm on.



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But, with all of the hassles, Gaypeoples are now beginning to organize around the prison issue here in the Bay Area. And on December 27th, at noon, a caravan of autos and whatever, will leave from the area in front of the old Federal Building at 50 Fulton Street, which is between Hyde and McAllister (behind the Orpheum Theater), and travel to Vacaville prison. Where they will proceed to carry their gifts up to the visitors house, and leave them, holding a short religious service outside afterwards. All Gaypeoples are urged to join in this venture, which it is hoped will be joined in by all Gay organizations in the Bay area. Thus far, the GAY ALLIANCE, and the U.S. MISSIONS, are working to co-ordinate the event, and gather up gifts. It is hoped that S.I.R., C.R.H., D.O.B., M.C.C., and the M.O.C. will all join in this effort. If you are interested, please phone the GAY ALLIANCE at 771-3366 for more particulars. CARS are needed desperately!

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Thus far, some of our many sponsors who have contributed money to be able to buy gifts to be distributed after the show in the wards include: C.M.C., TAVERN GUILD, S.I.R., WILDWOOD RANCH, GANGWAY, NEW BELL, PURPLE PICKLE, KOKPIT, WILD GOOSE, TURF CLUB, HOUSE OF HARMONY, MAHU AFFILIATES TRUST, PERRY'S ANTIQUES, and numerous private individuals. We will publish a complete list of sponsors in our next issue when all donations are in. We now ask anyone who considers this a worthy project and feels he can contribute any donation, no matter the size, to send his monies to B.A.R. with "Community Show" marked on the outside of the envelope. With the money collected, we will buy Christmas gifts for the veterans who are forced to spend the holidays in the hospital.

All the entertainers who will perform are donating their services for this one evening free. Those who have agreed to appear thus far are: Lori Shannon, who will produce the show, Pat Montclair and Jackie Phillips of FINOCCHIO'S, David Kelsey of the

HOUSE OF HARMONY, Gary Schnieder of the HOT HOUSE, Fred Miller, Faye, the star of MAME, George Buchanan and his Marionettes (GOLD STREET), plus several others currently being negotiated. Program Co-ordinators for the evening are the Rev. Ray Broshears, Paul Bentley and Bob Ross.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

O.R. BAIL PROJECT "FIRES" CONCERNED EMPLOYEES

by Gay News Service/SF

December 1st, the Board of Directors of the San Francisco O.Or Bail Project, fired, WITHOUT giving cause, three of its more people-dedicated workers. Fired were, Bernie Houden, 3 year employee; John Eckhowe, a 2 year employee, and Lynn Tsouras, who has been with the "free bail" project for a year.

Director of the Project, Kenneth Babb, would give the GNS no reason for the dismissal, except to say that it was the decision of the Board of Directors.

A "flyer" signed, the Concerned O.R. Workers, has charged that the three were dismissed because of the dedication to the poor, to the peoples arrested, and not to the police, courts, etc., the system, which places them in jail.

They go on to say that they believe that all members whose loyalty is not to the "system," aka: Richard Milhouse Nixon, and his ilk, that it will be a matter of time before they are all dismissed and replaced with "scab" labor. Witness of this, is the recent "re-hiring" of a person who is very "uncle tomish", that according to Reverend Ray Broshears, who works with the Project closely, but states, that the various 'establishment-types' have

been less than co-operative with him in the past 2 weeks, and causing a curtailment of his jail and court activities. Broshears also blames various shadowy figures at S.I.R. for some of this as well.

Most all observers at the Hall of Justice are not surprised at this turn of events. One observer, who refused to give his name, stated that the Nixonites are making themselves felt, and the courts have become increasingly hostile to the O.R. Project workers. The Project director has told various workers that their loyalty must be to the Board of Directors and NOT to those who have been arrested.

Reverend Broshears "exploded" at this stating that the "whole thing had been set up to serve thypeople, to put the people arrested first, not a damn bunch of bureaucrats." Broshears blasted the chairman of the Board, Charles Rump from the Attorney General's office, stating that if the funding had of remained under the "poverty program" O.E.O., that this could have never happened, but "outside" funding entered into the picture, and with it the old establishment bullshit.

Sister Mary Bernadette Giles of Presentation High School, another member of the Board voted for the firings, and she is extremely

conservative and anti-Gaypeople, that according to Reverend Broshears.

The outside political activity of the workers within the Project has been the cause of discomfort to Babb and the SFPD in particular. It is believed that the four dismissed, were fired because they were strong advocates for the poor and the oppressed. The very peoples whom the O.R. Project serves. GAY ALLIANCE chairman Broshears stated, that "if these firings are allowed to stand, then you might as well write-off the O.R. Project as far as being a help to the poor. For it will be a "tool" of money attorneys and the SFPD." All concerned peoples are urged to protest the firings by writing to your local media protesting their dismissal. Remember, today the "FOUR", tomorrow who?

MA BELL SHAFTS GAY RIGHTS

by Don Jackson

Gay equal employment opportunity advocates suffered a major defeat Nov. 30, when the San Francisco Human Rights Commission ruled that public utilities are not required to comply with equal employment opportunity legislation.

The Commission ruled that it had 'no legal grounds' to proceed on a complaint filed by Don Jackson against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Pacific Telephone stated that it has not and will not "knowingly hire nor retain a homosexual." The HRC ruling came after testimony from San

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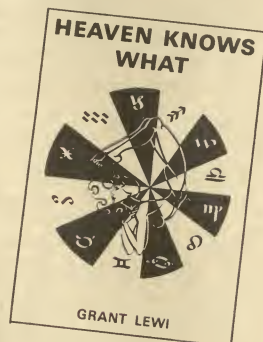
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Francisco City Attorney Thomas O'Connor. The Commission decided that O'Connor, "In effect, upheld the phone companies' position that they are an involuntary contractor."

The gist of O'Connor's written testimony was that anti-discrimination laws cannot be enforced against monopolies because the law of contracts provides "the consent of the parties must be obtained on the basis of willingness." The phone company, O'Connor argued, is an involuntary contractor in that it is required by law to furnish phone service. For the city to require it to sign a non-discrimination contract would amount to coercion, O'Connor said.

The anti-discrimination ordinance provides that firms must sign an anti-discrimination contract as a condition of doing business. "Obviously", O'Connor said, "we can't stop doing business with the phone company."

"Why not?" asked Don Jackson, "The law does say the City should cease doing business with non-complying firms. Why doesn't the Mayor call Ma Bell and tell her to disconnect San Francisco. She'd sign an agreement fast because the loss of revenue would be too great."

Jackson, who was released from the Columbus, Ohio, Correctional Institute only a week before, said he was disappointed by the ruling because he had to find a job to meet a condition of probation.

Former S.I.R. President Larry Littlejohn, who, along with S.I.R. Community Services Director Chuck Schneider, accompanied Jackson to the hearing, proposed that the Public

Utilities Commission be asked to amend its regulations prohibiting anti-Gay employment discrimination by public utilities in San Francisco on the grounds that discrimination violates the City's public policy.

Schneider said he would refer the matter to S.I.R.'s attorney to see if any legal steps can be taken.

Although the ruling was on the specific complaint against the phone company, it applies to all public utilities - railroads, trucking firms, bus lines, water, gas and electric firms. In San Francisco, an inordinant proportion of the jobs are connected with utilities because it is the administrative headquarters of many statewide and in a few cases, nationwide public utilities.

Since the HRC ruling was made on the bases of the common law of contracts rather than on local or state law, the enforceability of similar legislation in New York City, Ann Arbor and East Lansing is dubious.

The background of the case goes back to last June, when Jackson wrote to the phone company, stating that he wished to apply for a job there, but wanted to find out if they had changed their anti-homosexual policy before wasting his time and theirs by filing an employment application.

Mr. H.A. Garrish, Vice President in Charge of Personnel, answered, saying that their policy is still, in spite of the new ordinance, "We do not knowingly hire nor retain homosexuals."

Then, Jackson filed a formal complaint with the Human Rights Commission. A phone company spokesman told HRC they would not employ homosexuals because: 1. homosexual employees would be offensive to their customers. 2. Homosexual employees would create a morale problem with their straight employees. 3. Phone company jobs involve national security, and homosexuals are a security risk.

The Commission referred the matter to Deputy City Attorney Milton Meyer. Ma Bell's prestigious attorneys, Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro, then changed the line, saying the phone company would not comply with the ordinance because it is a monopoly, and requiring them to sign a non-discrimination agreement would amount to coercion.

Holiday Greetings



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NEW PRISON GROUP ADMITS FOUR GAY REPRESENTATIVES

The recently organized, BAY AREA PRISON COALITION, which is comprised of various prison organizations in the San Francisco-Oakland Bay area, has admitted a representative from four of our Gay organizations. The Coalition has thirty groups, which now include, with full voting membership, the MCC (METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH/SF), S.I.R. (SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS), GA/SF (GAY ALLIANCE), and the Ministry of

Concern (M.O.C.).

Representing M.C.C. is the Reverend Ralph Gordon, dynamic minister, who works with former inmates, and he himself is a former resident of a penal institution. Reverend Gordon, along with Paul Mariah of C.R.H., co-chaired the first ever, Gay peoples workshop in a major prison conference, which was held December 2nd and 3rd, out of which grew the Bay Area Prison Coalition. Thirty-one Gay peoples participated in the GAY FREEDOMS WORKSHOP, and in other workshops as well. Chuck Schnieder of S.I.R., who is

the delegate seated for that group, manned the Gay Freedoms Workshop Informational Table along with the GAY ALLIANCE delegate, Reverend Ray Broshears. The fourth delegate seat to the Coalition went to the Reverend Bob Richards of the Ministry of Concern. Richards, Gordon, and Broshears, all have been in prison at one time, and it was felt by Gaypeoples in the Workshop, could well represent the Gay Communities in the new organization.

During the second day of the conference, the GAY ALLIANCE was represented by S.I.R. member, R. Daniel Smith, as Rev. Ray had church services and a radio program. Danny, a volunteer at S.I.R. voted as he saw fit. And he voted for the Chuck Schnieder sponsored resolution, which called for the following wording to be used in connection with Gay people in prison; "The term 'spouse', shall include any person of the same or opposite sex with whom a staff member in effect (if not in law) has a stable marital relationship. All other definitive terms shall enjoy the same equal broad interpretations." This would be a step towards bringing prison officials into the realization that Gaypeoples should have the same visitation rights as do heterosexual couples.

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GAY MEN'S NIGHT IS ON THE MOVE

Gay Men's Friday night rap groups are moving to the lounge of the Berkeley First Baptist Church at Haste and Dana after four successful months at the Berkeley Free Clinic. The drop-in rap groups will begin as usual at 7:00 PM in the new location. A Gay medic will continue to be available at the Free Clinic, on Durant and Dana, at the same time for drop-in Gay male V.D. check-ups. One-to-one Gay counseling will also continue; appointments can be set up by coming on Friday night or calling the clinic, at 548-2570.

Gay Men's Night was started by the Gay Men's Collective of the Berkeley Free Clinic last July to provide a space where Gay men could meet each other and rap about our situations and ourselves in a more open and human atmosphere than is available at bars and such places. (continued on next page)

The number of men attending has gradually grown from an average of about fifteen to about forty-five, and this has meant attempting to crowd four small rap groups into a space that's really too small. Consequently people had expressed a need for someplace roomier to meet than the Free Clinic's Rap Center. In the lounge of the First Baptist Church we've found not only a larger space, but one considerably more comfortable. It will also be more Gay space on Friday night away from the inevitable tumult of the clinic.

The move will also facilitate other activities of Gay Men's Night. In addition to the rap groups, we started community meetings about two months ago. They begin at 9:30 and provide the opportunity for people to announce various activities going on of interest to Gay men as well as to give feed-back about the evening's experience. Several activities have emerged out of the community meetings, including a Gay guerilla theatre troupe, a Gay men's dance class, and a Gay political action group. All of these have come about simply by one person announcing his interest and asking for contact with others with similar interests.

The Collective also uses the community meetings as a way to set up on-going rap groups that meet in people's homes and provide a more intense and continuing experience for Gay men who want to examine their lives and their experiences together. So far six such groups have been set up and more are in the process of forming and are still open to new members.

It should be noted that neither the Gay Men's Collective, nor Gay Men's Night are affiliated with or sponsored by the First Baptist Church. Also the First Baptist Church is neither affiliated with nor sponsored by the Gay Men's Collective.

For further information about the Gay Men's Collective or Gay Men's Night call Peter A. at 843-9285 or Jim at 849-0926.

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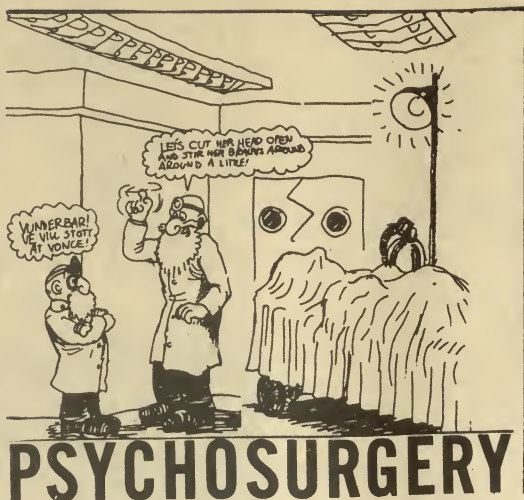


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The spectre of advanced technological control over social "deviant" persons is exemplified in a new California prison facility. It is called the Medical-Psychiatric Diagnostic Unit (MPDU) and is part of the Department of Correction's Medical Facility at Vacaville. It has 84 beds, and is designed to handle eventually all 600 to 700 inmates from the various prison Adjustment Centers (maximum-security wings) around the state. Inmates and their supporters view the MPDU as a laboratory of behavioral 'torture,' which in practice will be performed primarily upon militant black and Chicano organizers in the prison population.

On November 19, 1971, the California Department of Corrections (DOC) invited a group of psychologists, psychiatrists, researchers and prison officials to meet at the University of California (Davis) to discuss prison violence and a possible new psychiatric unit at Vacaville. At the meeting, DOC officials were entirely vague as to what kind of treatment they envisioned at the proposed new facility. Pointed questions about electrochock therapy, aversion techniques and the like were evaded; several DOC officials even hastily disappeared when the questioning became too direct.

Two drugs commonly used on prisoners are Prolixin and Anectine. Prolixin was injected 1093 times in 1970. Anectin (succinylcholine chloride) paralyzes one's voluntary muscles for one-and-a-half to two minutes. According to those who have been injected, the patient is overwhelmed by a feeling of suffocation, of drowning, of sinking into death. While in this fearful state, the inmate is told that when next he has an impulse to smash or attack, he will stop and think

and remember the sensation he is experiencing under Anectine.

Anectine was used by the DOC on about thirty prison inmates in the late 60s. When a psychiatrist asked about consent, the DOC medical director, Dr. John Gorman, wrote that "every one of these patients had signed an informed consent." However, a report made for the DOC by two researchers, Drs. Arthur Mattocks and Charles Jew, states that "the patient was requested to sign a statement of consent. On five patients, consent was not received from the patient himself, but was granted by the institution's Special Treatment Board. (These prisoners have since sued the state.)

Electrochock therapy was administered at Vacaville nearly 500 times in 1971. Reports out of the California State Hospital for the Criminally Insane at Atascadero repeatedly mention that genital electrochock was used on sexual offenders as aversion therapy. (Reportedly the inmates are shown movies of explicit sexual content. If they begin to display sexual arousal, their genitals are shocked. This program is entitled "Errorless Extinction of Penile Responses.")

The MPDU funding proposal also reads: "There has been, for an example, a study in the California Medical Facility to determine the usefulness of lithium carbonate in treating hyperaggressive eating-out patients. Further follow-up in this area would make a significant contribution."

"We don't really know what it does," says Dr. Joseph Tupin, who administered to prisoners for years at Vacaville.

The MPDU raises another question. According to its public position, the aim of the facility is, if possible to "cure" the

inmate and return him to the prison mainline; if he doesn't respond to the therapy, he will be returned to the Adjustment Center whence he came.

CREDIT: This story was excerpted from an article by Bernard Weiner in the **NATION**.

from *Chron.*, Dec. 25: ...Robert Eklund, deputy department director confirmed in Sacramento that Corrections Director Raymond Procunier had attempted to obtain Federal Safe Streets Act funds for (a program of brain surgery designed to turn violent inmates into more docile people) to be conducted at the U of C Medical Center here.

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In the fall of 1971 Martin Stow, activist in the **SOCIETY FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**, started what was called a "psychological rap session". The need for such a meeting was obvious, and the Monday Afternoon rap sessions soon became an important part of many lives.

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Marty is still your genial chef and Jim a most friendly waiter. The special at \$2.95 was Swiss Steak. We started off with a relish dish and then a tasty bowl

of vegetable soup served nice and warm. The salad was chilled but the roquefort dressing had considerable room for improvement. It lacked the richness of a good salad dressing. The Swiss Steak was served nice and hot, very tender, delightfully seasoned and served with a baked potatoe and tomato slice. Although we enjoyed the food and were pleasantly stuffed, we felt that the atmosphere as a dining room was lacking and could become more inviting..

THE MINT

The MINT, located at 1942 Market Street was our next port of call. Millie, our cocktail waitress for the evening took us in two and served us a couple of

hot brandy toddys to take the chill out of our bones while we were waiting for a table. Fred, maitre-de, called us to the table and Dannis was our waiter for the evening. We started off with clam chowder which was piping hot and really delicious. The tossed green salad was chilled to my liking, topped with a richly flavored roquefort dressing. Steve, the pianist, came in just as we finished our salad and started playing some lovely dinner music at the piano bar. In fact, Les, who was the wiater on the other side of the room, even took a breather to pause and listen. We were so satiated with turkey which we enjoyed at Lenny's home (from OFF THE LEVEE) the day before that we ordered the fresh broiled salmon steak for a change. Billy the regular chef was off tonight and Jimmy did the cooking this evening. I regret that he lacked imagination as the salmon was not seasoned during the broiling process. I have on many occasions in the past, really enjoyed a tasty broiled salmon steak and hope they serve it so in the future. Despite my finicky tastes, I still had a pleasant and relaxing dinner and highly recommend the MINT for dining.

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Commentary

(Don Cavallo and William E. Beardemphl share this space in alternate issues. Mr. Beardemphl will appear in the next issue.)

by Don Cavallo

The race is on — The votes have been sent in to T.C.P.A. and a new empress shall be crowned in January. And already you can see “clicks” forming and certain people saying “If so and so wins I shall have nothing to do with the court” what a bore.

Why and the hell don't they number 1, give the vote back to the people, the Empress is supposed to represent all of the community isn't she. And why may I ask if a Tavern Guild president can run for re-election, then why can't an Empress, our Community is really not overflowing with so many talented people that are suited for the job. And while I am on this “binge” if we are going to have an “Emperor” which it certainly looks like we have decided, can we not elect both at the same time. And why can't we get all of the groups together and have them all share in the

work and the profits of such a venture. I know I must be dreaming but we hear too often from the leaders of T.G.S.F. that “a few do the work of many.” And this is true. By bringing in S.I.R. and M.C.C. and the bike clubs there would be a great many more people to draw from, just for the setting up of the event.

One thing is very obvious and that is that the T.G.S.F. will never be a rich organization. I point no finger at any one on this except to say that T.G.S.F. should take care of its own, and stop trying to be like “Hunt's Private Trust Fund to the Berchers” and buy favors.

San Francisco can truly be proud of her “Gay Leaders” Bob Ross, Bill Plath, George Mendenhall, Roberta Bobba, even Reverend Ray. The list is endless — The many people that work in the background at S.I.R. and M.C.C. The

very fine organization of the C.O.I.T.S. There seems to be a ray of hope of some cohesiveness through this new group called together by Marcus.

One of the disadvantages of being in my age group, is that when you hear all this talk about stepped up police activity you look back on the “old days” when there was no freedom and the police department did conduct themselves as “Gestapo leaders,” So you say to your self, we will never go back to that kind of existence, we think that there are so many Gays willing to put their lives on the line for Gay rights and Gay freedoms, well my dears, there busting heads right and left on our brothers and sisters in L.A. and literally getting away with murder.

As Mr. Nixon sets into his nest for his second term, with an overwhelming mandate from the people — let's watch the record, we have already seen examples of his appointments to the Supreme Court. One of the Federal Court judges appointed here was in on the case involving S.I.R. and “Ma Bell” and he was very much against Gay rights.

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meet charles pierce

by Donald McLean

There is a rumor that when the doctor first slapped Charles Pierce on the behind, he coughed once, looked up and said, "Max, you sly puss!" in his best Bette Davis fashion. Charles, his electric blue eyes twinkling, says, "Now, isn't that silly? You see how rumors start? I didn't start doing Bette until MONTHS later!!"

If the truth be known, it was actually several years later. A few years after puberty ("a hair-raising experience"), Mr. Pierce went to the Pasadena Playhouse to study acting. Unfortunately, jobs were scarce and in 1953, a friend of his who worked in the wardrobe department there was fired and collected some wigs and props as a farewell present (unbeknownst to the Playhouse) and gave them to Charles. With these few accoutrements, Charles Pierce made his "camp debut" at the Club La Vie in Altadena, Calif., doing impressions of Tallulah's grandmother and Eleanor Roosevelt for the grand sum of \$5.00 a Sunday afternoon. He was then booked into the Echo Club in Miami Beach to replace George Matson (who originated the now-famous Yma Sumac pantomime). In 1955, at the Echo Club, Charles met Rio Dante. When he first played there, it was with Doodles and Spider. When he was asked back for a second time, he decided,



Charles as Bette... "This is not my original mouth!"

after working with them, to try adding mime numbers to his act. The first mime number he ever did was a medley from the then-current Broadway hit, "The Boy Friend," with Rio Dante accompanying him on his live material. Thus the partnership that still endures today was formed. Ann's 440, the Onyx Room, and several other clubs followed, culminating in a six-year run at the now-defunct GILDED CAGE. We will now skip blithely over those six years, except to note that in that time Charles Pierce became a San Francisco landmark, second only to the Golden Gate Bridge. How many entertainers in those years got their first exposure on the GILDED CAGE stage on talent night?! Pat Montclair did his first

number there; ditto Bashka, Glenn Elliot, Lori Shannon and numerous others who have since gone on to fame/obscurity. Eventually, the CAGE closed ("I was tired and out of ideas anyway.") and Charles went to Los Angeles to work.

Last year, while appearing at The Playhouse in L.A., scandal touched Mr. Pierce. A young man shot himself in Charles' dressing room. The rumor factory had a field day, although the story was kept hushed up. Sitting in his suite today at the Raphael Hotel, Charles speaks quite candidly about the incident. "I would like to get the truth known once and for all." A young man, a friend of the owner's, was working there as a day bartender and became an

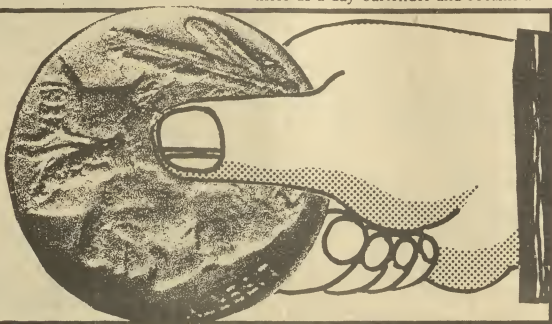
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A couple of months ago, while still at The Playhouse, Charles attended the premiere of "Bluebeard" in Hollywood dressed as Bette Davis. He and Sabu arrived in a battered 1949 Chrysler amidst a bevy of elegant limousines. Rona Barrett was interviewing the celebrities outside the theater. Unfortunately, nobody had clued Miss Barrett in as to what was happening. Charles, as Bette, swept up to her, with the cameras grinding, and said, "Rona, dahling!" Rona Dahling ("she's very square") went right up for grabs, stammering and stuttering through a very brief interview. Charles/Bette finally looked at Rona and said, "You know, Rona dear, Hollywood has certainly changed. The New Hollywood has violence, sex and passion. The Old Hollywood had love, romance and... Rona Barrett!" Needless to say, the interview was cut from her show and never seen.

I asked what has been the highlight of his career thus far? "Oh, I'd have to say BIMBO'S last year, because of the show surrounding me. I really don't like to carry the whole show, and there I had time to prepare each character.

And, of course, GOLD STREET is always a pleasure." Mr. Pierce just finished his fourth return engagement at GOLD STREET and will be playing there New Year's Eve. And the worst club he's ever worked? "Well, Carol Doda's on Broadway. That was a disaster!... And a club called Pearl's City Tavern I once played in Honolulu. The crowd was half-Oriental, half-sailor, and I had to m.c., bring the chorus girls out, and when the band took a break, I had to do 30 minutes of talking between shows. I lasted two nights." "The most fun time I ever had was

when we did "A Night to Remember", with The Jants, Ann Weldon and Carol Doda." He shared a dressing room with the abundant Miss Doda a couple of years ago when they did "Geese" here, an off-Broadway play. "It was fun at first, but there was only so far the character of Helen could go." And Miss Doda? "Well, she really doesn't dig the whole Gay scene." In his current act, he sums up his opinion of La DoDo. "Hello, My name is Carol Doda, and I'm the perfect 36 in San Jose. (squeal) 36! That's my I.Q.!"

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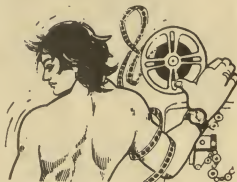
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Charles Pierce *continued*

To many young performers starting out, Charles Pierce is an idol. George Buchanan, currently appearing with him, made his first stage appearance at the old GILDED CAGE. And what does Charles think of George today? "He's going right to the top!" But one gets the feeling that the idol is just a trifle weary of it all himself. "After 18 years of drag, I'm open to anything." He actually only started working full drag about seven years ago, but to do it steadily, night after night, "it's too much to pull together." He prefers switching back and forth, from full drag to male-with-props. He did an episode on "The Partners" TV series last year, and would like to do more and more TV and movies. He just completed an episode on LOVE, AMERICAN STYLE entitled "Love and the Baby Derby", a 30 minute segment opposite John Davidson that will be seen late this month or early January. "It was such an 'up' set, they served real champagne in one scene. After a couple of takes, I realized I was getting bombed." He would like to work in London also. "When I was working at Ciro's, Sir John Gielgud came up to me and said, 'Why don't you come to London and give Danny La Rue a little competition!'" and he still loves his audience. "If it hadn't been for my fun following, I'd have closed when I opened in 1954." And he makes no bones that he's had a little work done on his face. "This is not my original mouth!" He feels that possibly drag has become over-exposed. "At the GILDED CAGE, drag was more bizarre and interesting in those days... Everybody gets in drag now." It becomes increasingly obvious that Charles Pierce would like to make a radical change and recharge his juices with something totally new and different. At least for a while.

But I have a hunch that it will be Jeanette MacDonald on the swing, Bette Davis as Queen Elizabeth, Mae West and Katherine Hepburn that Charles Pierce will be best remembered for. As he himself says with a slightly wistful smile, "I'll always have to be somebody else. I'll never get to be just Charles Pierce."



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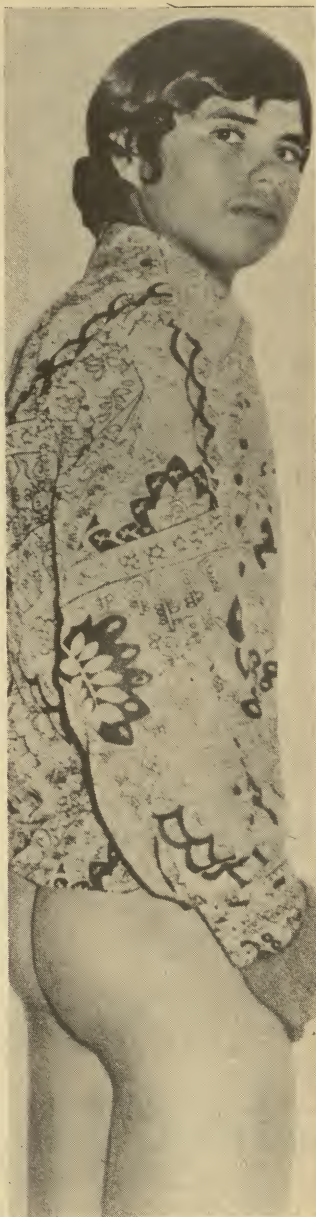
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How come Kenny of the PENDULUM wears a hat... he has the same hair stylist as I do... doesn't he Robbie of THE VIKING. You were just beautiful at the '50th' Robbie and the 'Lips' new rug is great... thank you Keith.

Schatzie... I do appreciate the thought but I don't think it should be called Sweet Lips' Big Town. But do get open soon anyway.

Thank you Polk Street Sally of the Q.T. for hosting my Christmas Party... you did a fabulous job. Just everyone was there and had a ball... at least Shirley, Cristal and I did.



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Cecil Knockherworst Weatherbee knows why the 527 is a leather bar. He ordered the Terriyaki Steak. Incidentally, Cecil, thank you for the lovely column on the Lips. It was a masterpiece of writing. By the way Cecil, Marcus has BOTH ears pierced.

Fern, what is the big thing that is with you and that famous Geary St. restaurant? You never looked lovelier than you did on the '50th'.



ENGLAND
Ray Nixon

Luscious blonde or Blonde lush... what do you mean by that, Rose Buckley of the POLK GULCH fame... incidentally is it true that the 'GULCH' is planning to enlarge since you have been there.

Thank you Rex Ann for the lovely commode. Too bad my porter was so efficient and scrubbed it out as it was a masterpiece. Better luck next time.

Don't forget to stop in TOAD HALL and say hello to Edna... you hired a great bartender, Sally.

Madame Henri would like to deny all rumors that he is connected in any way with BOJANGLES. He just goes dancing there.

Did you ever get assassinated by 49 water pistols? Well the Lips did and let me tell you it is a trip... you sure knew how to handle yours Charlotte. Thanks for the Gold Lips, Charlotte and Arlene.

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BY MONTEZUMA

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT

To find a film that is witty, charming, and a visual treat is a rarity, but such a gem opens next week at the Alhambra Theatre in a very nice Christmas gift titled "Travels With My Aunt."

The film adaption of the novel by Grahame Greene deals with the eccentric Aunt Augusta and her rather humdrum nephew, Henry, on a series of adventures taking them from London to Paris to Istanbul and Spain. The film is a beauty to behold and it's mirth is joyously enacted in a superb tour de force by Maggie Smith as Augusta. Her performance is a jewel and shows us another side of the brilliant actress' best

remembered as "Jean Brodie".

All the supporting players, particularly Alec McCowen as the nephew, are a fine match for Miss Smith. Much credit should be given to the costumes of Anthony Powell and the Production Design of John Box. The film is always a joy to behold with wonderful use of both exterior and interior settings.

The film opens and builds slowly from the funeral of Augusta's virginal sister Angelica whose step-son Henry has not seen his aunt since infancy. Henry has grown into a rather boring man whose main thrill in life is growing dahlias. Augusta brings Henry to her flat

above a pub, where she is attended to by Lou Gossett (whose duties are never quite defined to the bewildered nephew). His overdressed, over-cosmeticked Aunt decides that she will need Henry's help in trying to rescue an old lover who is being held for ransom and from then on it's one adventure after another as Henry learns to "live, live, live" (oh, that's another Aunt isn't it?)

Aunt Augusta might just be the British cousin to the lively Mame, with her convictions and unconventionalities. Although she is at times outrageous, she is not as overdrawn and towering as the American Mame. The reason for this is



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Another tour de force performance for Maggie Smith.

not only because she's English but because by the time we meet Augusta, she is in those latter "sunset" years and for most of the film Miss Smith is aged by the makeup of Jose Antonio Sanchez to appear as old and yet as ageless as Estelle Winwood (another actress with a performance for vivid red wigs).

There are a few flashback sequences which show Miss Smith in marvelous period costumes and elegant locales. We see that the young Augusta kicked up her heels as one of the girls of a traveling Italian bordello as well as mistress to a wealthy Frenchman. She also managed to model for Modigliani during her youth and that portrait becomes a most valuable item for the older Augusta.

My only dismay with the film was the ending. I think that it's a cop-out type ending which does not satisfy at all. I won't spoil it by telling you the ending as you, dear reader, would probably groan and it might deter you from seeing what otherwise is a most enchanting film. A large bouquet must go to George Cukor who once again shows that he is still the dean of "women's directors" by being the chef that keeps the soufflé from falling.

It's a delightful, charming way to spend a holiday eve, if you like the light comedy touch and fancy being whisked away on the Orient Express for adventures with a very mad, fascinating Aunt. '

Have a marvelous Christmas and till then, boughs of holly for all...

Luv.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Former VECTOR editor and current ADVOCATE correspondent, George Mendenhall, who has been attending the Juan Corona murder trial, will give his analysis of the homosexual aspects of the trial and will discuss the coming defense case in regards to the cultural differences between U.S. and Mexican homosexuals at S.I.R. Center on Wed., Dec. 20th, at 8 PM Audience participation is invited, with question - and -answer period, plus refreshments.

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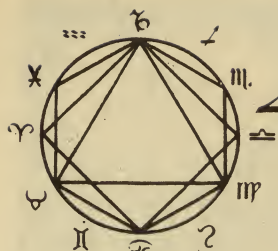
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Astrology

BY EL SCORPIO

GETTING IT TOGETHER

Getting it together is what I am trying to do. Astrology is so complicated and so time consuming that I have not had the time lately to get a Tarot reading, consult the I Ching, or study any of the other occult arts and sciences. But I did recently talk to a numerologist.

Numerology is the study of numerical rhythms and their effect. The numerical significance shows up in the number found in your name and in your birthday. But that is merely the basic start. It goes on much further than that. Suffice it to say that one can devote as much time to the study of numerology as to astrology.

Our conversation had a personal surprise for me. My birthday added up to number four. My name added up to number four. That is, my real name, no matter how fully spelled or how abbreviated, added up to number four. El Scorp, unfortunately, added up to a number seven. But if El Scorp were not abbreviated, it would add to number four. Something was obviously out of tune, and the only sensible thing was to use the whole name so as to get it all together.

Number four indicates service and hard work, organization and great efforts and the stamina involved. By using another number I was throwing the whole original concept meant for me far off base. Hence: El Scorpio. Let us see what vibrations it will give to future columns.

But the whole idea is still to get it together in the best possible way astrologically. The Moon, would you believe, will be at exactly zero degrees of Taurus at four o'clock Saturday morning. It should make things easier to count. Saturn is still retrograde and at 16 degrees of Gemini. Pluto is at four degrees of Libra, and Uranus at 22 degrees of Libra. Mars is at 20 Scorpio, and Venus at 27 Scorpio. Mercury, Neptune, and the Sun are at three, five and 24 degrees of Sagittarius. Jupiter is at 14 degrees Capricorn. This certainly has been a bonus to Capricorns.

Christmas is coming, but we will have a Full Moon before the holiday. It will be in the last degree of Gemini and Sagittarius, 29 degrees, at 1:46 AM, Wednesday the 20th of December. It should most afflict those born in the last degrees of those two signs and also those born in Virgo and Pisces.

The difficulties with travel seem to occur mostly around New Year's Day. There will be around Christmas, the normal caution signs particularly involved with holiday traffic. Fomented mostly by Highway Safety. There is no heavy indication astrologically against travel. Aries will get into traffic jams. Taurians may get traffic tickets. Geminis may have sudden mishaps or delays. Cancerians may do something through forgetfulness. Leos will want to take risks. Virgos may act badly in an emergency because of delayed reactions. And the same for Librans. Scorpios may be involved in chain reaction accidents. If Sagittarians have accidents, the day before Christmas, or even Saturday, will be difficult. Capricorns may also suffer delayed reactions. Aquarians should always beware the suddenness with which an accident can occur. Pisceans should stay home over Christmas or let someone else better favored do the driving.

The overall aspects for the coming weekend range from minor difficulties to stupid difficulties. In fact, only one third of all the aspects will be easy. Everything else involves adjustments and the dumb possibility that they will not be made.

ARIES: You can expect your plans to be upset on Friday. The vibrations for the day are disappointing, especially if you were expecting an important call or letter. Saturday you may go

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shopping. Again expect things to be seasonally crowded, hence delays, and prices may surprise you. But there ought to be some romantic interest. Sunday looks fine early. But in the evening look any bright new ideas straight in the eye.

TAURUS: Be prepared for surprise happenings on Friday. Let the other fellow lead the way. Saturday may also be a rocky day. Do not force issues, do not spend money, and listen to what your own mind tells you. Sunday avoid any arguments, get out of the mainstream, go off by yourself for the best results. Crowds of more than one are going to get to you.

GEMINI: Have your weekend on Friday and Saturday. Meet new people. This should be a good weekend for you on Friday and Saturday. Look for some romance of a sudden and unpredictable quality. You are the one out of joint, so it needs your proper and most positive attitude. Have a quiet day on Sunday.

CANCER: Devote the day of Friday to your home and to friends, and do not be upset by any changes. Saturday improves as it goes along, and by evening you should be having a high old time. Sunday, also, is a great day, but let others lead the way.

LEO: Get off your high horse. Friday is a day for other people to make it interesting for you. Friends may help you with home situations, but only if you let them do so. You want to have fun on Saturday, and home is not the place to do it. Do not be surprised if you do not put in some of the weekend hours attending to business. Sunday starts out fine and everything seems to fall into place, but later in the day avoid family affairs.

VIRGO: Tidy up office and home affairs on Friday and then look for romance. Traveling is fine, but the career keeps bothering you. If you have ever felt like talking long distance, Saturday is a good day for it. Puts you in a good frame of mind. Sunday is not a good day. It brings out the worst in you. So calm down. There really is no need to prove anything to anybody.

LIBRA: If you can make it this weekend, by all means do so. The mind is not at its best, routine is not bad, home problems are in temporary abeyance, so pull out all stops. Saturday is a day when you should let your

partner lead and make the decisions. Continue this through Sunday, but end the conviviality early. Everything is fine so long as you keep it light.

SCORPIO: Your partner is leading the way this weekend, but watch your health and diet on Friday. Everything is not really going all your way. Saturday is a fine day for sensitivity and young people. Others may not be right, but you can let them be wrong this once. If you follow the leader, you may get just where you want to go. Partnerships are not favored on Sunday, but do not let that throw you.

SAGITTARIUS: Friday and Saturday are better than Sunday. Of course you are going to worry about your health on Friday and even on Saturday partnership matters may be somewhat dismaying. Try for romance on Friday, and quiet down on Saturday. Sunday is a good day to retire from the scene and keep your own counsel.

CAPRICORN: Again you are going full steam ahead, feeling fine, ready for whatever, and perhaps you should entertain at home or go to an important party. Romance is out there somewhere and could manifest either Friday or Saturday. Sunday spend quietly with some concern for your health. Do not overdo Sunday.

AQUARIUS: For you romance is not going to do the thing this weekend. Spend some time with friends. Routine will be upset on Friday, and home matters may not go so well the rest of the weekend. But you are in a position where you can set the pace, so keep your own head straight. Come to think of it, a weekend in bed by yourself may be just the thing.

PISCES: So it's Friday and there is

no money in the abundance proper for the coming holidays. Really work on this budget-balancing. See friends Friday, but stick to the desk on Saturday, especially at home. Organize. Sunday, if someone is available, look for romance, preferably away from home. Maybe you will see an old friend in a new light.

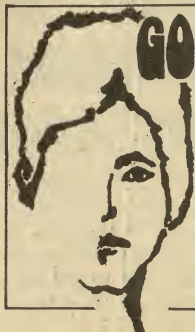
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Well, if you haven't heard (via TV), PET'S WORLD is the official Finch procurer for Jacqueline (Kennedy) Onassis.

The PURPLE PICKLE will pour their Xmas cheer Dec. 19th.

A Tip of the Brim to Jack and Roger of the "Happy Chips" idea. You can redeem them now in 53 places. You can get yours at BERT'S CARPETS, LEATHER 'N' THINGS, PET'S WORLD, TONI CLEANERS and THE VALET. You not only save money but it's fun. New York and Los Angeles will be joining the "Happy Chip" program in 1973.

The NAKED GRAPE has a new gimmick, Grape Tokens. If your token matches the bartender's, you win.

Speaking of bartenders, Neal is not hard to take on Sunday mornings. The GRAPE has dancing now and by the way, did you know their new name is the NAKED APE (really, A.B.C., you named it). That ought to make one hell of a sign!! Get out your 20's goodies as the NAKED GRAPE is having a Flapper Party Tues, Dec. 19th, with cash prizes for best costumes. If it's anything like the Mae West thing at the GOOSE, wow! That was a ball!

The newest business to Castro is THE CARRIAGE TRADE. This is a flower shop run by our own Michael of Sausalito. Across the street I believe is the oldest Gay owned business on Castro, the CASTRO QUICK CLEAN CENTER. Bill, I can't believe you have been there 10 years. Blessings to you

both.

Did you know Peggy of GOLDEN CASK fame now has the TWIN PEAKS BAR on the corner of Market and Castro? It is very nicely done with a great back bar and the windows are bared to you can watch the parade go by. The special of the house is Irish Coffee.

Now I've been to everything! A Xmas Party for pets, with Mr. and Mrs. Santa, at PET'S WORLD. There was Martin, of THE MULE, with his dog having his picture taken with Santa. Would you believe you can buy anything from Hot Pants to a mink coat for your pets.

THE MINT is doing something different this year for New Years. For \$25.00 per person you will receive drinks before and after dinner, wine with and your choice of lobster, duck or tornado's (steak) from 6 till 11 PM. The bar will open then for its regular merriment.

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of wood. Sarah and Kay have done a great job and they will be going into full dinners soon. They will be open 24 hours. It's a great place for that midnight snack.

Thank you, Mike (PENDULUM), for the great Victory Party for Norman, Mr. C.M.C.

CHINESE CHECKERS

Jay Noonan has left DORI'S for the *P.S.

Brad has left the BACHELOR'S CLUB and is available for private duty.

Wyoma has left the FICKLE FOX and is now at JACKSONS

Ralph has left DORI'S for the COUNTRY CLUB.

Jack, the pianist at JACKSON'S, moonlights at the *P.S.

Richard, 527 CLUB, has moved to DORI'S.

Jack (from the CAMP GROUND) has left the KOKPIT and is full time at the WATER HOLE.

Ray (HANS OFF) is now at the WATER HOLE dancing and bartending.

The Dog Lady is now with the TURF CLUB on beautiful downtown 6th St.

Gene Patton (CIRCUS) is now at DORI'S, as is Marlow from the LANCERS.

Pat (Cocktail Center in Hawaii) is now with the TWIN PEAKS and the GASLIGHT).

MOVING MISSION

The BACHELOR'S CLUB Anniversary was a blast. The guest bartenders were Jessie and Rose of the WATER HOLE and the buffet was served by the Fat Fairy in her Levi hot pants. Would you believe the Fat Fairy won a cockring and wore it?

Thank you, WATER HOLE, for the bus to the Mr. East Bay Contest.

The HANS OFF had three ladies on

one night, and one really got carried away, but Rose (WATER HOLE) was a real lady and did not look as David did his thing.

The GASLIGHT is still doing their thing, as is the MANHANDLER.

Don C. called the FICKLE FOX and asked for Henry. He was asked, Henry Who? You should have asked for Lady Larkin, everyone knows who she is.

POLK STRASSA

If you miss anything, you'll find it on the clothesline at the HOUSE OF HARMONY. Thank you, Rome, for my laundry day money clip. Grandma is Twit of the Week. You have to hit the HOUSE OF HARMONY on Monday. It


was a gas and just everyone was there but the Dowager Twit. Where were you, Jack A.? Did you know the HOUSE OF HARMONY gave away \$200.00 worth of dinners for Thanksgiving? Mr. Ross was one of the lucky winners and, believe me, this man knows how to put out a Thanksgiving dinner! I hope you enjoyed yours.

Thank you, WILD GOOSE, for a fun Mae West night. Marcus, you were a heaven host, as was Bob and Bill. The GOOSE is having their Xmas Party on Dec. 19th. This should be a busy night.

The Q.T. has added a water fountain to their already very attractive dining

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The NEW BELL will have their Xmas Party Dec. 19th with their wonderful Xmas tree.

AROUND TOWN

The GANGWAY will have their Xmas Party Dec. 21st and their traditional New Years Party Dec. 31st. The New Year's baby is always fun and don't forget their Hangover Brunch on the first day of the New Year.

Thank you, Don Miller, for the article in Cross Currents. This is M.C.C.'s new paper and is really quite with-it for a church paper.

Don't forget "1776", the benefit for Mother Goose on Dec. 21st. Call 621-6665 for tickets. Remember, it's tax deductible.

Dec. 2nd a new paper was born. It is owned by Charlotte Coleman of THE MINT and will be sort of a Gay Life Magazine type thing. They plan a

completely different format than anything we have now. There will be a contest to give the new paper a name.

SUTTER'S MILL has a nice gimmick, a quickie... lunch that is. You sort of wait on yourself in the front bar, and Gregg is doing his thing in the back room.

Ran into the Rose Lady and found out he has a print shop at 110 Sutter St., room 612. A good place to get those Xmas cards, and if you tell Don you read it in my column, he will give you a 15% discount on orders over \$3.00.

Thank you, Bob Ross and JACKSON'S, for making my Thanksgiving a great one. You could not have been nicer. With a team like Tom and Jack and Dick and Guy as waiters, and Bob's cooking, how could you go wrong. Thank you, Cliff (GASLIGHT) for your charming company.

A tip of the Brim to Hector and Naomi for a great job on the S.I.R. Thanksgiving and to the KOKPIT, DORI'S, NEW BELL, NAKED GRAPE, PURPLE PICKLE and the BOOT CAMP for the booze. JACKSON'S, who sent over 3 turkeys and a ham cooked by Mr.

Ross and Travis (old BLACK CAT), who showed up with three 30 lb. turkeys, a 15lb. roast, a case of pies, 10 gals. of potato salad and 3 gals. of dessert and to THE MINT and THE SAN FRANCISCANS for the cash donations. Thank you all for making it a wonderful afternoon! Did you know the tablecloths were sheets from DAVE'S BATHS?

Marcus, did you know the RAMROD gave 20 people, who had all 5 of their buttons, a trip to Reno all expenses paid for the whole weekend?

Did you know the SAVOY TIVOLI is serving Cop Chops?

What bar owner was taking tips at the door for tables reserved in advance?

Carl Line has taken over the PAGE ONE and will reopen it soon.

Ken Storey has opened an art, stationery and import shop at 1580 Haight Street. The name is Etc., Etc., Etc. We are going to have the whole street soon, the way it's going Gay.

My spies tell me the GOLD EAGLE will change hands soon, and SCOTT'S PIT is NOT taking over the TREE HOUSE.

The Mr. East Bay Contest was won by Dan Powers, who was representing the QUEEN'S PALACE.

M.C.C. will hold their Xmas service in their new church Sun., the 24th, at 7PM.

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Show News



by Donald McLean

ON THE PROWL

Billy Carroll, formerly of TONY'S in L.A., is currently playing a two-week engagement at THE TWILIGHT.

The producers of MAME are having trouble getting it produced in Los Angeles. Seems Tams-Witmark, who controls the rights to the show, refuses to release it to an all-male cast. If they stick to it, that could spell an end to Gay theatre in our city. And I seriously doubt if Rodgers & Hart or Jerry Herman ever specified, "To be performed by heterosexuals only". Hummm!



The ever-lovely Carol Lynn at the FROLIC.

Carol Lynn has joined the show at the FROLIC ROOM and that's

definitely a step in the right direction. Danny has quit and Timothy is in L.A. filming a movie at the moment. On Dec. 17th, they will have Turnabout Night, with the waiters and bartenders performing the show and the cast waiting tables and mixing drinks. Hey! Now that might be a good show!!

YONKERS PRODUCTION COMPANY has announced that they will have a New Year's Eve Ball at THE VILLAGE on Dec. 31st, starting at 9 p.m. until God knows when. Tickets are \$6.50 per person, with a band playing until 2 a.m. and then a free breakfast served after 2. Call 621-7184 for reservations. Costumes invited.

Also, on Dec. 27, thru 31st, Charles Pierce and his show will return to GOLD STREET for five nights only. Tickets are \$2.00, no reservations.

Bette Midler has closed at the BOARDING HOUSE, but the vibrations are still being felt. Every performance was a sellout, and never did a show start on time! On her Sat. night 3rd show, the 12:30 started at 1:30 and Miss Midler sang until 3 a.m. But I predict Miss Midler will be to the 70's what Miss Streisand was to the '60's.

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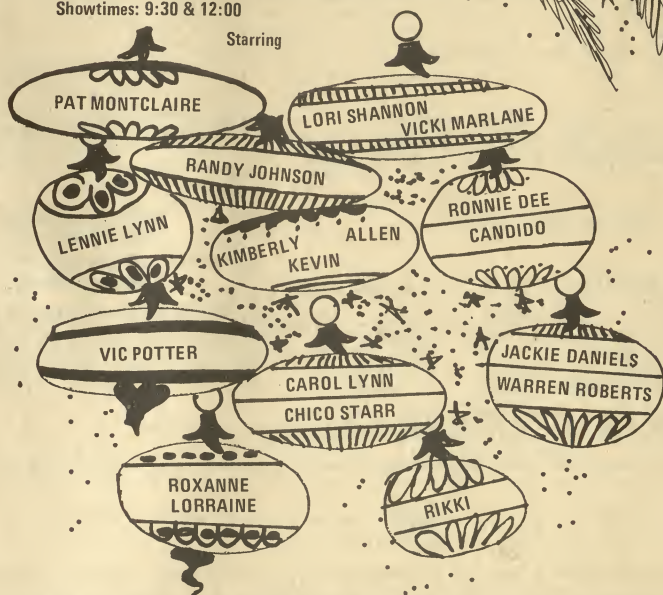
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My personal thanks to the entertainers who are doing the show at the Fort Miley V.A. Hospital and to the many others that offered their services but time did not permit. Like I've always said, for a worthwhile benefit, the entertainers of San Francisco are unstinting with their talent and their time.

And now, it's time for my Annual Christmas Gift List to the various entertainers of San Francisco who have provided me with much enjoyment (and a little pain) during the past year:

To Faye: the biggest box of bon-bons I can find for a job superbly done.

To Terry Taylor: Lori Shannon's old waist-cincher.

To Pat Montclair; 2 pairs of rhinestoned boxing gloves for those quiet evenings at home.

To John Rothermel: A pair of Joan Crawford F***-Me pumps.

To Michelle: hate letters from Carol Channing, Pearl Bailey, Ginger Rogers, and Danny La Rue.

To David Kelsey: a copy of a new record release, "Ethel Smith Plays Gary Schneider."

To Busty O'Shea: a ticket to Eugene, Oregon.

To Denis Moreen: 2 weeks in Palm Springs now that exams are over.

To Allan Lloyd: one hula skirt and a tired lei.

To Jae Stevens & Steve Miller: an outdoor showroom where they can perform on real grass.

To Carol Lynn: an oven that doesn't exhale.

To George Buchanan: a big block of wood and a whittling knife.

To Nancy and Chuck Waltz: the

leads in whatever musical is next.

To Chuck Largent: a book entitled "The Secret of Being A Lovable Director" by Otto Preminger.

To Vicki Marlane: a solid bugle-beaded gown, size 16 (eat your heart out!!)

To Joe Vigil: a badly faded print of "Goldiggers of '33."

To the S.F. Opera House: a heartfelt raspberry for hanging up on me when they discovered B.A.R. was a Gay paper because I wanted to interview Beverly Sills.

To Mitzi Gaynor, Charles Pierce, Cass Daley and Sally Rand: my sincere thanks for taking the time to be so nice.

To Lennie Lynn: new Coke bottles in rhinestone frames.

To Melanie, Laura & Vern Becker: a year's supply of Johnson & Johnson tape.

To LaVern Cummings: Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops for backup musicians.

To Carol Doda (the perfect 36?): my sympathy.

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Committee who worked it, to all the ticket buyers and toy bearers, I'm sure I express heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all the recipients of the toys.

INTER-CLUB FUND AUCTION SET FOR JANUARY 16TH

The employees of the BOOT CAMP voted unanimously to hold a Grand Auction for the INTER CLUB FUND on January 16th. Stars of Our Community are going to participate, slaves will be auctioned off, and several bars and businesses will donate items for the auction block. Hope to see you all there for what promises to be a fun and worthy event, benefiting ALL bike riders injured and in need.

VANCOUVER, B.C. TO CROWN A CZAR ON MARCH 18

According to Ray "RAG LADY" Lewis of Vancouver, this Canadian City has embarked on a masculine image trip, and on March 18, that active community will elect their first CZAR. With Seattle and Portland contemplating the same idea, the dream envisioned by John Chase for a coalition of Emperors for the West Coast is becoming a reality. First entrant so far is Ray Lewis himself, and a worthy candidate from all reports. Parties interested in making the trek to Canada should contact me for details.

OAKLAND CROWNS MR. EAST BAY

Under the auspices of H.L. Perry, we've had a Mr. Gay San Francisco (Jim Haliday) and a Mr. Peninsula (Michael Wright), and last week at the fabulous EXIT in Oakland, Danny Powers was voted MR. EAST BAY. Four groovy contestants were in the finals and Glenn (representing Roberts Art Supply) was the runner-up. Danny's handsome face forced the judges into a unanimous decision and the contestants themselves

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voted Ron of the EXIT as Mr. Congeniality. A large crowd turned out for the event with the judging being done by Queen Kalani, Norman (Mr. CMC) Hughes, Rose of the WATERHOLE NO. 3 and Mike (Mr. Peninsula) Wright.

GOODBYE TO AN OLD FRIEND INDEED

Several parties in honor of Robin Price have been held. Robin will be leaving us by the time this paper hits the streets, but I think I speak for a lot of people in Our Town when I say this community has lost a real, fun-loving, hard-working gutsy dude to our Sister City, Sydney, Australia. Robin has been active in virtually every bike club function for more years than anyone can remember. He was one of the original members of the INTER-CLUB FUND, a member of the SPMC (South Pacific Motor Club), and on the Board of Directors of the Office of the Emperor in San Francisco. In all these endeavors, he worked long, hard hours, always helping friends and receiving honors as honorary or associate member of several clubs. Our heartfelt thanks to a great guy; we know his role as Ambassador-at-Large to Sydney, will be accomplished with the same freidnliness, generosity and amiability that he always conducted himself in San Francisco. If you were at the bon voyage parties held at the BOOT CAMP, the ROUND UP or at Bob Merrill's, you would have seen the eager, smiling and wistfully sad faces as friends turned up to bid a fond farewell to one of the real workers in our community. We'll miss you Robin; and we wish you success, good luck, love and fulfillment in this, your migration to Australia. We know our Australian brothers will take good care of you as you've taken good care of so many of us.

TRASH & TRIVIA A LA MODE

BIG TOWN, South of Market's newest night club is set to open in January and from what they have planned, it should be a fun place to go for drinking, dining, dancing, shopping and, of course, cruising. San Francisco's most celebrated chef, Schatzl, will take the reins in the culinary department with a celebrity menu of exciting

delicacies, several shops for your whimsical buying will be open and here's wishing good luck to the newest star on Folsom Street... We're all wondering why Empress Candidate Kissy Diki is singing the Truck Drivers Blues, but some "IN" crowd people know and won't tell a soul... WATERHOLE NO. 3 is doing a fantastic public relations bit which you probably should pick up on soon. On Dec. 17 (Sunday), their big bus will take a tour to Sacramento to visit the bars there. Leaving at 6:00 PM, they plan to be back in the City early enough to get you home in time for work Monday. Interested parties should telephone Rose at 621-2328 if they want to take this fun trip. A few weeks ago, they

took a busload down to the Peninsula and a tour of the East Bay bars is in the planning stages - great idea... And you
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or urban redevelopment in the Western Addition and this is his final party. If you've never been, you better go - this is a tradition party, party in Our Town... Big surprise post-Birthday bash for Wayne of the CLOUD SEVEN, was held by Jim Divore and brought out a large number of hunky dudes and a sizzling buffet and very pleasant punch... Hear Sweet Lips' birthday party at the *P.S. was the epitome of CAMP, what with wine-filled water pistols, specially-designed gold LIPS by Hank Irons, and a celebrity guest list, all involved parties had a great time... Phil, owner of the MANHANDLER is a groovy dude. You must drop in for a

dance or two and see Greg and Marshall, a real nifty set of bartenders... PEG'S PLACE out on Geary Boulevard is a great place for Sunday Brunch and Lita, the beautiful one, is quite a hostess. Steve the bartender is fast and friendly and Delta and Marty had quite a time telling WILD GOOSE manager, Bob Kerns, all about life away back in Northern Ohio... And speaking of parties, two bike clubs incurred the wrath, if not the hurt or envy, of several of their most ardent supporters when they held their Xmas parties last weekend and didn't invite a single fan... Congratulations to Russ Higginbotham of FE-BE'S who will embark on a journalistic odyssey with news South of Market in that OTHER paper... Randy Johnson is probably the world's most prolific hamburger maker at the GRUB STAKE on Mason Street, and speaking of hamburger, you've GOT TO try the home-made pies at HAMBURGER MARY'S - Big Jerry, the manager, is the grooviest host and the place swings ALL THE TIME... And if you're into hot dogs and beer on Sundays, the GOLD EAGLE SALOON on 12th & Market offers 18 cent draft beer and 10 cent hot dogs ALL DAY... Polk Street is starting to pick up with the latest addition of the WILD GOOSE packing all the younger groovy dudes and DAVID and GARY now playing their organs up the street. Patrick, the bartender at the GOOSE is wondering where all the Tammy Wynette freaks are coming from, and I've heard of a lot of freaks in this town, but how about the new rage with dogs?... POLK GULCH SALOON is having a buffet from noon till on Christmas Day, which sounds interesting... And my heartfelt thanks to Jackie of JACKIE D'S for a great party last night and also to all the staff at that very popular downtown bistro.

WIND UP

The year is fast drawing to a close. The next edition of B.A.R. will be out after Christmas, so be sure to read my wind-up column for the year and also my predictions and forecasts. Until next time, have a COOL YULE, love your brothers and sisters, and remember, I love you all.

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What twosome in this section was offered to see a Great Dane and one told the other if he got another one the name of the dog would be DIVORCE???

Is it true that Lorelei is locked up in a cage at a notorious address???

There was a birthday party the other evening and from the looks of the establishment the day after the party was a swinging success, E.G. the handle missing from the front door, one of the celebrants spending the evening in a room upstairs??? Congratulations to the

celebrants. The godfather was given a machine gun and a game. I think that he needs more than that.???

By the way, if you have not met Frank at the 527 on the weekends, you will find it a pleasant experience to do so. He plays the piano.

Robin P. was hosted at the BOOT CAMP and this man will be missed in San Francisco. He will be informed of all activities however by this journalist.

Too bad CASEY'S is closed, it could really use a boxing ring these days... so many contestants...

John won a statue (one of his own) at that birthday party, and gave it back to Lenny??? That is really sticking together.

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Congratulations to the 30 individuals who for five years have collected the anniversary buttons from the

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With such items as a forthcoming wedding, or weddings, Christmas parties etc., etc., your correspondent will be busy and will try to tell all in a nice way??? Until later and keep the South of Market area humming... We need information.

FLASH!!! Who is leaving for Seattle to learn how to milk Again???

Philosopher's Corner: People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do.



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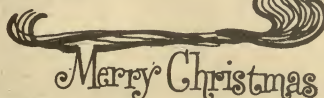
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Second, the Church's message is one of right relationships. We call all men and women to a closer, more personal relationship with our Savior. We further challenge our brothers and sisters to work at building relationships with one another based upon personal integrity, respect for each other and a kind of all encompassing love for all God's children - man or woman; young or old; white, red, yellow, black or brown; straight or Gay.

Third, we call our brothers and sisters to join us in a new resolution to actions based on right relationships. To

the poor and hungry, to the oppressed and prisoner, to the lonely and the alienated we pledge ourselves this year to renewed programs to relieve their suffering, to free them from exploitation and to extend to them the hand of true brotherhood and sisterhood.

The Gay Community, joining together in renewed pride in its unique characteristics, can make this a meaningful Christmas by making a real step toward united, practical action which will benefit our brothers and sisters directly. To that end I call upon us to take up the task again of a community center or, at least, of community wide programs upon which we can all agree. Our ideology, structure and politics may disagree, but surely we can find a way to work together to feed and house our brothers and sisters in want or to help find them jobs or proper medical care. Hungry stomachs know little about rhetoric. Jobless men and women need jobs more than demonstrations, help more than speeches. We are ready with willing hands, some money and "know-how", and a lot of time and patience. Will other leaders and organizations offer us a hand in purposeful planning? For those who will, this can be the very best Christmas for our Community.

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